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Flannery et al.

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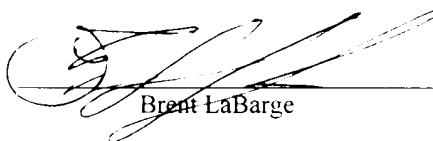
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Sir:

This amendment is being filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action, mailed December 4, 2001, in connection with the above application. Please enter the following amendments:

In the specification:

◇◇ Please replace the third paragraph on page 1 with:

Family, twin and adoption studies have suggested the importance of genetic predisposition to bipolar affective disorder. On this basis, several groups have undertaken genetic linkage analysis in families with a high incidence of the disorder to find a causal gene. Many of the studies show conflicting data suggesting that a single gene is unlikely to be the cause. Rather, multiple interacting genetic traits may be involved. A recent study (Stine O.C. et